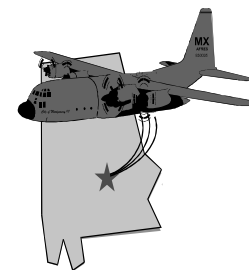


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FM worker named top finance civilian

By Jeffery Melvin
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

"We always knew she was terrific, now AFRC knows it too," said 908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Thomas Brown in announcing one of the most well-received but least surprising bits of news of the year — Rosetta Brown's selection as Financial Services Civilian (GS 10 and below) of the Year in the 2001 AFRC Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year competition.

Brown, a military pay technician, is known throughout the wing as much for her work ethic as her expertise. Both are exceptional.

"The most dedicated, professional military pay clerk I have met in my entire career in the Air Force," Colonel Brown wrote in a letter nominating his employee with the same last name for the command level award. "Everyone in this wing and this command are Rosetta's children and she takes care of us all. The command calls on this lady whenever it needs the functional expert to work issues in software or customer service areas. She's the resident expert on military pay processes in AFRC," he continued.

Financial Analysis Officer Bill Forshey offers similar words of praise. Brown, he said, "knows no strangers, services customers to the max, and is the epitome of customer service." Wing people often remark about her dedication. Elvis is more likely to leave the building than Brown, who's often on the receiving end of jokes about hours she puts in. She's such a familiar sight to headquarters visitors that she's been asked if she sleeps in the building.

On top of the hours she puts in at work, she's an active participant in base and community activities. A holder of undergraduate degrees in business administration, management and psychology, Brown has recently completed requirements for a master's degree in agency counseling, perhaps to assist her with her volunteer work as an EEO counselor at Maxwell-Gunter and her volunteer work with at risk children and teens with the Montgomery Jobs Corps on evenings and weekends. She's also head usher at one of Maxwell-Gunter's base chapels.

The military pay technician summed up her thoughts about being named the command's top midlevel civilian financial services specialist in two words, "I'm shocked." Her shock stems not from doubts about her ability but realization that there are more than 30 Reserve Pay offices throughout the command — some with as many as six military pay technicians.

Shock aptly described her thoughts about this honor but there's nothing shocking about her personal philosophy and how it factored in her being singled out for recognition.

Her personal philosophy is simple. Her job, she said, is to make sure the member is taken care of. That means being customer oriented because you're dealing with someone's pay.

"I'm always focused on putting the customers first and taking care of their needs, staying current on the regs and making sure the members are serviced. As long as they're happy I'll do whatever it takes."

If that means the extra mile that's not a problem for her. She said, "I usually let them know, 'I'll handle it, I'll take care of it, or if I can't, I'll go to the source.'"

She praised her co-workers who she said shared her customer first philosophy. And she thanked her boss, Forshey, for giving her a chance to do something she enjoys.

Asked if she loved her work, she replied. "Yes, I do. I'm here night and day."



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Max-Gunter Chiefs Group chiefs' bust and headdress

Max-Gunter chiefs welcome Colonel Brown to elite ranks

By Maj. Jerry Lobb
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Officer

Only 1 percent of enlisted members reach the top enlisted grade, so a Chief Master Sergeant induction ceremony puts the recipient in select company. The "Chief" inducted Dec. 4 came from an even smaller pool — the inductee arrived wearing silver eagles on his shoulders. That evening, Col. Thomas R. Brown, commander of the 908th Airlift Wing, was inducted as an Honorary Chief Master Sergeant by members of the Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group.

Any chief in the organization can nominate someone to be an honorary chief, according to Chief Master Sgt. Gilbert Duenas, president, Maxwell/Gunter Chiefs' Group. However the nominator must write a brief clearly articulating extraordinary

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Photo by Jeff Melvin

Military pay technician Rosetta Brown

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achievements and/or contributions of the candidate and provide specific examples of how the nominee's actions have enhanced the quality of life, morale, and well being of the Maxwell/Gunter enlisted corps. Once approved by at least 95 percent of the voting members of the Chiefs' Group, the award is then presented to the individual at a special ceremony.

"During my tenure (1997-present) as the vice president and later as the president of the Maxwell/Gunter Chiefs Group, only one other nomination has been approved, that for former longtime Montgomery Mayor Emory Folmar.

During the awards ceremony "Chief" Brown was lauded for taking issues such as career development course upgrade training and professional military education, promotions, career advisor programs, and pay issues, all the way up to major command and congressional levels. He was also praised for energizing the awards and recognition programs to highlight the achievements of the best and the brightest within the wing.

"We (members of the 908th Chiefs' Group) nominated him for this honor because Colonel Brown has done more to support and promote the enlisted force than any commander we've seen," said 908th Command Chief Linda Roberts.

"As he said in his comments during the induction ceremony, he recognizes that nothing happens in the Air Force without the enlisted force preparing the way. His support of enlisted professional development, promotions and pay issues are models of strong, caring leadership."

"I'm speechless—almost, because I am so honored to receive this," Brown said during his brief comments. "Early on I recognized that aircraft don't fly and the mission doesn't get done without the young folks out fixing planes on the flightline, loadmasters and boom operators getting the mission done. Officers may fly off and get the glory, but that isn't possible



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs Group President Chief Master Sgt. Gil Duenas presents Colonel Brown with an Honorary Chief certificate.

without many hours of work by airmen and sergeants. It always seemed obvious to me that if you take care of the people who make things happen, the job will get done."

Duenas presented Brown with an Honorary Chief certificate, a bronze chief's bust, as well as a coin. Carole Brown was also recognized for her support and received flowers and an afghan decorated with scenes from her hometown of Charleston, S.C.

Recruiting Web site adds interactive features

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – To attract more young people, Air Force Reserve Command recruiters launched a redesigned state-of-the-art Web site, adding many new interactive features.

The revamped Web site – www.afreserve.com – went on line in October. It is geared toward 17-34 year-olds with no prior-military service, as well as prior-service members from all military branches.

"The original Web site had been on line for almost three years without a major redesign," said Chief Master Sgt. Eric Snipes, chief of the advertising branch for AFRC Recruiting Service here. "We wanted to incorporate the newest innovations in Web site architecture and provide a state-of-the-art experience for our users. We added many new interactive features to cater to the Web-savvy young adult."

Some of the new features include links to interactive mission profiles, which describe numerous Air Force missions and jobs, benefits, eligibility requirements for joining the Reserve and the "basics" of basic military training. Other features are a news and events section, links to aircraft data and a revised base locator page with interactive introductions to Reserve flying wings nationwide.

Development of the Web site was a collaborative effort involving AFRC Recruiting Service's advertising branch and the offices of TMP Worldwide, which designed and oversees www.afreserve.com (AFRC News Service)



Col. James N. Stewart

New commander named

Balance of power remains intact and jokes, jabs and friendly rivalry will continue as the reins of command for the 908th Airlift Wing transfer from one War Eagle to another. Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command has announced that Col. James N. Stewart will succeed Col. Thomas R. Brown effective Feb. 10. Stewart, like Brown is an Auburn University graduate. He's currently 94th Operations Group Commander at Dobbins ARB, Ga.

The incoming commander is a command pilot with more than 4,300 flight hours in aircraft such as C-141A/B, WC-130H and C-130H2. Look for complete details in February's "Southern Flyer."



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A C-130H Hercules from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., taxis on the ramp at Naval Air Station Sigonella,

Italy, Oct. 29. Reservists from the Air Force Reserve Command unit deployed to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 to support

Operation Joint Forge.

Reserve forces help keep peace in Europe while nation fights terrorism

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — America's war on terrorism has been the focus of public attention since Sept. 11, but the Air Force flies other, less visible missions around the world, including in Central Europe. Just one month after the terrorist attacks, members of the Air Force's reserve components went overseas to support ongoing peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans.

Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing from here deployed three C-130H transport aircraft, aircrews and support personnel to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for Operation Joint Forge Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

The Reserve's 914th AW from Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y., and the Air National Guard's 167th AW from Martinsburg, W.Va., sent three C-130H's, as well as more aircrews and support people. Individual mobilization augmentees, along with reservists from six other Reserve units and personnel from three other Guard units, also took part in the year-round, re-supply mission.

The reservists combined forces to man the 86th AW's 38th Airlift Squadron, delivering equipment, supplies, and humanitarian goods into Bosnia, Hungary, Albania, Macedonia and other parts of Central Europe.

"There were some restrictions with what's

going on in the world today," said Col. Wes Langland, 302nd Operations Group commander. "That's to be expected, but we were able to step up our flying commitment and provide additional tactical re-supply to our bases in Central Europe and throughout the Mediterranean."

Lt. Col. Luke Coker, chief of 302nd OG current operations, was mission commander throughout the deployment.

"Scheduling around the increased military operations tempo due to the events of Sept. 11, and getting our traditional reservists scheduled in and out of theater had been a challenge," said Senior Master Sgt. Milo Scott, 302nd AW plans and logistics superintendent. "We tried to minimize the impact of our members being away from home and balance their schedules with concern to family, relatives and employers. We've managed to get them in theater with their prescribed window of arrival and departure. That was the big thing. I think everybody working together managed that portion of this Joint Forge operation well."

Other reservists involved in this year's Joint Forge came from the following units:

- 94th AW, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.;
- 440th AW, Gen. Mitchell IAP ARS, Wis.;

■ 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March ARB, Calif.;

■ 908th AW, Maxwell, AFB, Ala.;

■ 910th AW, Youngstown ARS, Ohio; and

■ 911th AW, Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa.

Participating Guard units included the 139th AW, Tulsa, Okla.; 145th AW, Charlotte, N.C.; and the 175th AW, Baltimore, Md.

Nearly 280 support and logistics people deployed to Ramstein. Most of them rotated in and out of theater in two-week intervals. Others volunteered to stay for the entire 53-day operation.

"The 86th Airlift Wing has always been a great host, and we're getting a lot of in theater support," Scott said. "It's our job to come in here and take over for our active-duty counterparts once every 18 months. After we're gone, another air reserve component will take over."

Better force alignment enhanced mission operations. Past Joint Forge deployments included different models of the C-130 Hercules. Maintenance crews were unable to randomly work on each other's aircraft, and aircrews could not change aircraft for additional flying missions if the need arose. (AFRC News Service from a 302nd AW news release)

The inspectors are coming

Aeromedical squadron readies for evaluation

The 908th Aeromedical Staging Squadron is hosting visitors this weekend from the Air Force Inspection Agency, headquartered at Kirtland AFB, N.M. The team will conduct a Health Services Inspection, looking at the unit's compliance with regulations and directives, as well as its ability to perform its peacetime healthcare services mission and wartime mobility function.

An HSI aims to: assess readiness; provide an independent assessment of medical care; identify instances of fraud, waste, or abuse; and evaluate and report on the effectiveness and efficiency of medical management.

"This inspection looks at how we provide care and how we serve our customers," said Maj. Charles Stresino, ASTS administrator and HSI project officer. "The HSI is primarily about compliance. The IG looks at our core functions for health care services as well as our operational mission - to run an aeromedical staging facility when mobilized," Stresino continued.

The IG Team will examine the unit's compliance with applicable directives and the processes the unit uses to serve its customers. All aspects of health services management, readiness and training, base and gaining command support and Air Staff special interest items will be reviewed.

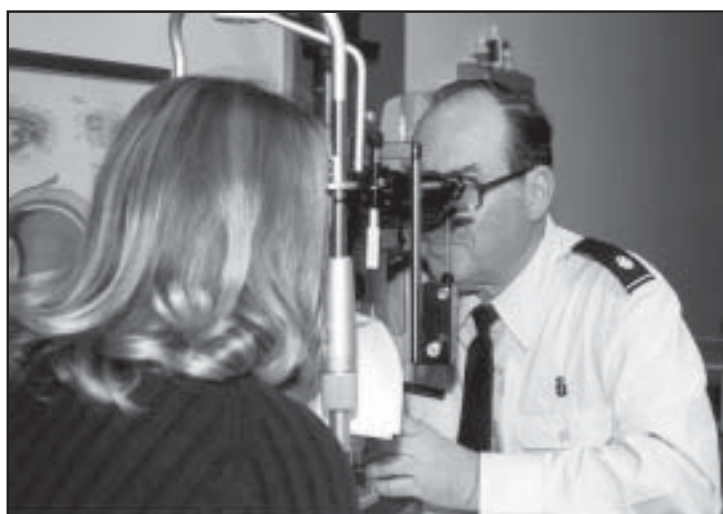
Col. Betty Williams, ASTS commander, said, the HSI will demonstrate the unit's ongoing commitment to quality customer service. "This team looks at our processes versus an ORI, which looks more at performance. We'll be judged on how we typically complete our work on a daily basis."

Williams advised ASTS members to "go into the inspection with a positive attitude. It's time to show how well we do our jobs. A squadron is only as good as its weakest section. We work hard to ensure we have no weaknesses - only strengths and opportunities.

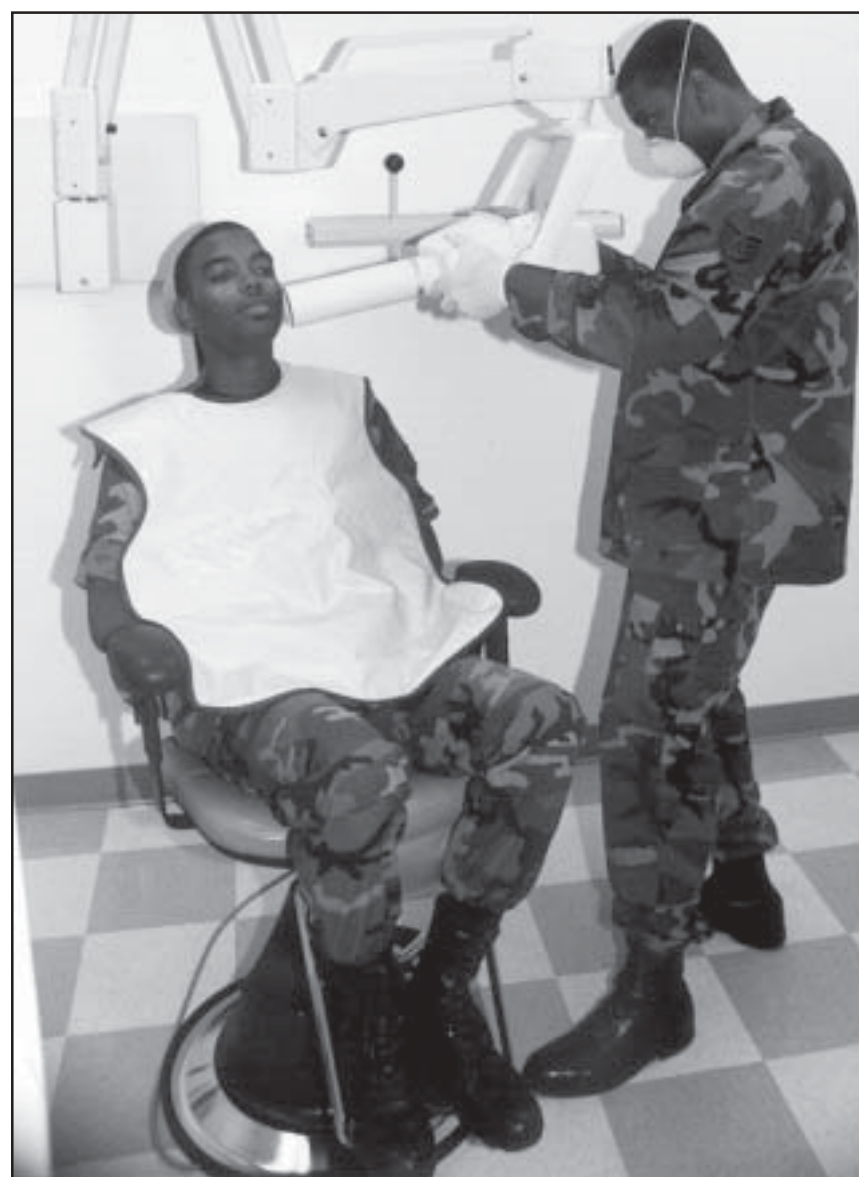


Photos by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Left, Maj. Deborah Lytal-Britton reviews a patient's immunization record. Above, Staff Sgt. Dana Raulerson administers a shot.



Lt. Col. (Dr.) Gerald Hensley, optometrist, administers an eye exam.



Left, Maj. (Dr.) John Long, dentist, performs a dental exam. Above, Staff Sgt. Harrison Bland administers a dental X-ray.

Amos hits jackpot in Reno, sets powerlifting record

By Belinda Bazinet
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When Dru Amos isn't working at one of her three jobs, chances are good she's pumping iron at the gym.

Amos, secretary to the commander of Standard Systems Group Combat Ammunition Systems and a Air Force Reserve technical sergeant with the 908th Airlift Wing, recently stood strong and set new world records for her weight class in the women's open and master (ages 40-46) dead lift and bench press categories at the World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters World Bench Press and Dead lift championships in Reno, Nev., Nov. 15-19. She competed in the 135-pound weight class, lifting 359.9 pounds in the dead lift competition and pressing 180 pounds in the bench press competition.

"I made up my mind to compete last year after looking at weight totals on the Internet," she recalled. "I knew that if I made up my mind, I could compete in and win powerlifting competitions."

"Dru always believes that she can do better than her best," Will Jones, fitness director at the Gunter Fitness and Sports Center and Amos' personal trainer, said. "She always strives to be the best."

Powerlifting meets include three

events: dead lift, squat and bench press. Competitors are given three attempts at each. Their highest scores are added for a total score.

"My favorite event is the bench press," Amos said. "I have great form, and the judges look at that during competitions." Her best in that event is 180 pounds. She's no slouch in the other events either. Her bests in dead lift and squat are 375 pounds and 275 pounds, respectively.

Amos's collection of trophies and plaques has been growing steadily over the past year. She's won first place overall at state, regional and national meets, and she has enjoyed success in individual events.

"It takes a lot of dedication and hard work," she said. Amos trains year-round, working out on the three events on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On alternating days she concentrates on cardiovascular exercises. She also follows a strict diet to stay in top form.

"Dru has excellent work habits, and a great attitude," Jones said. "She is in good

condition and is very dedicated to the sport."

Amos's next opportunity to compete will be in Chicago in February. "My grandbaby (who lives in Chicago) has never been to a powerlifting meet, so I want to take her. I think she'll really enjoy it." She'll also compete at the military nationals in March.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

25APS orderly room NCOIC Dru Amos shows off her powerlifting haul.



Photo by Belinda Bazinet

Amos works out on the rack, a quadriceps and hamstrings strengthening machine.

While enjoying success in each competition, Amos is also zeroing in on a specific long-term goal. Her dream is to make the lead USA Powerlifting team, a team that travels around the world promoting weightlifting and fostering good will.

"I think we are all put here for a

reason; I believe God wants me to influence young and old in a positive fashion and this is the way I can reach people of all walks of life," she said. "I know that I am influencing my boys already. It's a good feeling to know they already care about their health."



Photo Courtesy WABDL

Dru Amos at the World Association of Benchers and Deadlifters World Bench Press and Deadlift championships.

2002 military pay and allowance explained

by Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In the event the fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act is not approved by the end of the year, officials said people should not worry; guidelines are in place.

Effective Jan. 1, military pay and allowances will be based on previous statute authority, unless Congress approves the NDAA and the president signs it into law before then.

People need to be aware of what changes will be made and pay close attention to January and February 2002 leave and earning statements, said Maj. Shannon Averill, Air Force pay and allowance entitlement policy chief.

Without a signed NDAA on Jan. 1, basic pay will increase at 4.6 percent across the board. Averill said this number is based on the fiscal 2000 authorization for military raises to be set at the Employment Cost Index plus .5 percent.

If approved, there will be a minimum 5-percent raise across the board. Targeted ranks will see a 6- to 10-percent raise.

"These two scenarios are not cumulative," Averill said. "We will only have one pay raise, either the 4.6 percent or the targeted. If the legislative language permits, the fiscal 2002 NDAA rates will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2002."

Averill said it is important for people to keep in mind that because the NDAA status for 2002 is unknown, finance officials anticipate late

notification to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

"Members may not see the new pay rates in their mid-month (January 2002) pay," she said. "But, they will receive all required pay and allowances as soon as possible."

Because fiscal 2002 basic allowance for housing rates are based on fiscal 2001 authorization, new rates will take effect regardless of fiscal 2002 NDAA status. They will be based on an 11.3 percent out-of-pocket cost for the National Median Housing Cost.

Averill said out-of-pocket costs will be reduced to zero by 2005. Housing costs are calculated based on median rent plus average utilities and insurance in each local area for rank and dependency stats.

The goal of reducing out-of-pocket costs is so people can afford the same level of home, regardless of assignment location, Averill said.

"If a particular BAH rate doesn't increase, it's because the local BAH is already set at or below the dollar amount out-of-pocket expense for that grade and dependency status for the same level of housing," Averill said.

Housing costs are based on fair-market rentals and not mortgage prices.

The separate BAH rate determined by the Secretary of Defense for transition from overseas locations and for reserve component members on periods of active duty less than 139 days will

increase 4.6 percent. BAH-differential will also increase 4.6 percent.

Like BAH rates, fiscal 2002 basic allowance for subsistence rates are also based on last year's NDAA. On Jan. 1, enlisted people who have graduated basic military training will see an increase in their BAS, raising it to \$241.81 a month. In circumstances where a prorated amount must be paid for a partial month, the daily rate will be \$7.95.

Officer BAS will increase to \$166.48 per month. Prorated amounts for partial months will be \$5.47 per day.

People who currently receive the rations in kind not available may see a decrease in their BAS. RIKNA will terminate Dec. 31 unless the fiscal 2002 NDAA allows it to continue. If approved, the amount will remain \$262.50 per month.

Averill said overseas and continental U.S. cost-of-living allowances will be adjusted Jan. 1. New rates will be available on the per diem Web site.

Also based on the fiscal 2001 NDAA is the family subsistence supplemental allowance.

"Beginning Feb. 1, 2002, all FSAA payments need to be recertified using new 2002 pay and allowance tables," Averill said. "To ensure there aren't pay gaps in payments, recertifications can be made between Jan. 2 and March 2, 2002."

2002 military pay and allowances tables should be posted on the Internet by year's end. Direct questions to local finance offices.

Air Force Aid eligibility expands to cover annual tours

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force Aid Society now offers emergency financial aid to reservists on annual tour and provides assistance at more Air Force Reserve Command locations.

In the past, reservists had access to Air Force Aid if they were called to active duty for 30 days or more, but now assistance is available for those on orders for 15 days or more. The expanded eligibility is particularly helpful for those deployed overseas in support of Aerospace Expeditionary Force and other mission requirements.

"The change is recognition of Air Force Reserve Command's increased participation in real-world missions," said Linda Rosso, chief of AFRC's family matters.

"Establishing a relationship with the Air Force Aid Society to communicate the Air Force Reserve mission and what our reservists and families need has been the focus for the past year," she said. "Air Force Aid Society has been extremely supportive of the Air Force Reserve."

In addition to expanded eligibility, Family Support Offices now offer Air Force Aid Society assistance at 15 more AFRC locations, as well as Lackland AFB, Texas. The Air Force Aid Society has been on active-duty Air Force bases since Gen. Hap Arnold founded it in 1942.

Reservists and their families can still go to a

local Red Cross office for emergency assistance if they are not near a base. If a member is deployed, the family must have a power of attorney to receive assistance.

Examples of aid include money for basic living needs, emergency travel, car repairs and funeral expenses. Other situations the AFAS programs help with are family separation, childcare problems and emergency assistance loans and grants.

Another way the society has helped recently is to assist called-up members with pay and medical issues until the paperwork is updated by the Military Personnel Data System.

"We are assisting members and their families with financial concerns due to the recent call-ups," Rosso said. "Whether the member needs extra money until he or she is paid or if there are medical bills to pay, Family Support is providing assistance at all 39 major unit locations."

For example, the Air Force Aid Society is helping a deployed reservist with a 2-year-old, special-needs child by paying the difference between what TRICARE Prime pays and the actual costs of the medical bills.

"Air Force Aid Society looks at a person's situation on a case-by-case basis," Rosso said. "When the wife of a reservist who was not on orders had difficulty giving birth to premature

twins, AFAS stepped in to pay the medical bills. People who have extreme hardships should seek assistance, regardless of their duty status."

Rosso said the changes in the AFAS program are new and permanent additions to the Family Support program. They will not go away when called-up reservists return home.

The Reserve began issuing AFAS phone cards a year ago and that support evolved into an AFAS section at AFRC installations.

Family Support Offices now offer AFAS assistance at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.; Grissom ARB, Ind.; Homestead ARB, Fla.; March ARB, Calif.; and Westover ARB, Mass. Air reserve stations providing aid are Gen. Mitchell International Airport, Wis.; Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP, Minn.; Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.; Pittsburgh IAP, Pa.; and Willow Grove, Pa. The other new locations are Lackland AFB, Texas; Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas; NAS New Orleans, La.; Portland IAP, Ore.; and Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

Maxwell AFB's Family Support Center at 493-2353 has more information about AFAS assistance. People away from an Air Force base can contact the nearest Army Relief Society, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund or Red Cross. (AFRC News Service)

January UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Jan. 11, 2002			
1600	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC
Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0900	Lab/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0830	1130	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD/Flu only)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1130	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 849
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefing (30-minute Brief)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
0900	1000	Security Manager Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 112, DPMSA
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Manager's Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Command Post CAT Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1055/CES Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course
1200	1400	CDC Testing (Crse 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom Only, Firing Sun)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1300	1500	Joint Inspection (Cargo Prep)	Bldg. 846, APS Hangar
1330	1400	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Rm
1330	1630	Air Force Training course	Bldg. 845/Rm 11
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002			
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0730	0800	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (Initial)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0800	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (all units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
0830	1130	Pallet Buildup Training (MSS Only)	Bldg. 848
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
0900	1000	Wing Flying Safety Meeting	Operations Briefing Rm
1000	1100	Unit Safety Reps/ORM Advisors	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1000	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1130	1200	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/HC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 501/Rm 115/DPMT
1300	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1400	1500	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/ Cmd Chief's office
1500	1600	Chief Induction Ceremony	Maxwell Community Center, Bldg. 834
1600	TBD	Sign-Out	Orderly Rm

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sat, 1300-1700	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
		1200-1600	
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
		1100-1300	
		1600-1830	
Billeting office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

FY 02 UTA Dates

Feb. 9-10; March 2-3; April 6-7; May 4-5;
June 8-9; July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

January UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the January UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift
Due to runway closure at Dobbins, there won't be a Dobbins stop when the UTA shuttle is flown this month. This is planned for January only; the regular schedule resumes in February.

Take Note

CES Annual Award recipients

Senior Master Sgt. Geoffrey Percival Butler, SNCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Joel Stanfield, NCO of the Year

Senior Airman Cody Conger, Airman of the Year



Photo by Jeff Melvin

CES Commander Lt. Col. John Greaud III congratulates Tech. Sgt. Joel Stansfield, the squadron's NCO of the year.

Reserve needs recruiters

Wanted: Several sharp reservists that are looking for a challenging career change. The Air Force Reserve is currently taking applications for recruiters. If selected this opportunity will place you back on active duty with the possibility of a 20-year active duty retirement. To find out more

about one of the most rewarding and challenging career fields in the Air Force Reserve contact Senior Master Sgt. Vic Bradford at DSN 493-6737 or Comm. 334 953-6737/334 264-3378.

25APS officer vacancy

The 25th Aerial Port Squadron has an opening for an officer. If interested, contact Maj. Tony Meggs, 25APS commander, at DSN 493-6304

before 1 p.m. Sunday of the January UTA.

Want to fly?

Are you under 30, and interested in becoming a pilot or navigator in the 357th Airlift Squadron. If so you are invited to attend an interview/information session at the squadron's briefing room at 9 a.m. Saturday morning of the UTA.



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Holiday cheer

908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Thomas R. Brown dons an apron and festive hat and serves River Front Inn dining facility patrons during the December UTA.

Operators select Crew Chief of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Leon Alexander, 908th Logistics Support Squadron, is this year's Crew Chief of the Year.

Operators created the award last year to recognize the crew chief who demonstrated the most hustle and energy to help make airlift missions happen, according to 357th Airlift Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Michael 'UK' Underkofler. "For the launch, recovery, and repair of wing aircraft -- your aircrews hold you in high regard" is inscribed on the award.

The award, Underkofler said, is a way for the operators to thank all the crew chiefs and maintainers.

"While it singles out one person each year, it demonstrates the critical role they all play to effect the safe launch, recovery and repair of our aircraft. ...Together we make airland, airdrop, and aeromedical evacuation missions happen. The crew chief of the year is the role model for excellence in attitude, working relationship with the ops community, and technical competence."

Alexander, Underkofler said, was selected because of his eagerness to serve, ability to solve difficult maintenance problems, the appearance and pride he has in the aircraft he "crews" on, and his spirit of teamwork.



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Tech. Sgt. Leon Alexander

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